GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1853
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CONSTRUCTION OF CULTURAL COMPLEX AT HYDERABAD
YEMPARALA VENKATESWARA RAO

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Union Government to consider 100% exemption U/s 80-G of Income Tax for donations made for the construction of Cultural Complex at Hyderabad.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have considered this issue to support excellence in creative arts literature etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SH. ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) Yes Sir,

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal to constitute an `A.P.State Cultural Foundation` in order to promote, disseminate and support excellence in creative arts, literature etc., and for the construction of a Cultural Complex at Hyderabad.

In order to complete the Cultural Complex, donations are proposed to be raised from donors and also from industrialists/philanthropist, etc. The Government of India was requested to provide 100% exemption from Income Tax to be provided to the donors under Section 80-G of the Income Tax Act.

(c) The Ministry of Finance has turned down the request of 100% Tax exemption.

(d) Does not arise.